

MINUTES OF 2008 ANNUAL MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Sevier River Water Users Association held at the Sevier County Office Building, Richfield, Utah Thursday, February 7, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.

Due, legal and timely notice having been given as required by law and the Order of the Board.

There were present the following Officers and Directors:

PRESENT:

Blaine Ipson, President-Millard County
Delin Roundy, Vice President-Garfield County
Richard Torgerson, Director-Piute County
Jarvis Sorensen, Director-Sanpete County
Ivan Cowley, Director-Sevier County
Russell Christensen, Director-Sevier County
Ken Fowles, Director-Millard County
Dean S. Anderson, Secretary

ABSENT:

None

ALSO PRESENT:

Ray Owens, Sevier River Commissioner
Jim Walker, Sevier River Commissioner
Lee Sim\$ – Division of Water Rights
Craig Miller-Division of Water Resources
John S. Larson – Division of Water Rights
Mike Silva – Division of Water Rights
Terry Monroe – Division of Water Rights

The meeting was called to order by Blaine Ipson who presided at the meeting. Blaine Ipson introduced the River Commissioners and representatives from the Division of Water Rights. Lee Sim\$ noted that there had been a policy change regarding river basin annual meetings, and that the meeting was an official public meeting and would be recorded.

The Secretary read the notice of the annual meeting. The Secretary then read the minutes of the annual meeting of the Sevier River Water Users Association held on February 12, 2007. Upon a motion by Brent Cowley and second by Jerry Skeem the minutes were approved as read.

President Ipson turned the floor over to the Division of Water Rights who gave a report of the 2007 expenditures and receipts along with the 2008 proposed budget. Copies were passed around and most present received a copy. Lee noted that travel expense on Ray

Owens was higher than budgeted because he ended up using his own truck rather than the cheaper state truck which ended up not being available. He also noted that the actual versus the budget amount for 'retirement' was higher due to a one time catch up in Ray's retirement. Lee Sim\$ reviewed each budget item. Lee noted that the River commissioners along with the deputy commissioners had been given a 3.5% raise. The total proposed budget and assessment amount was set at \$242,688. Jerry Skeem moved to accept the 2007 financial report. Upon a second from Ladd Holman, the financial report was approved. Upon a motion from Jim Nickle and a second by Jerry Skeem, the 2008 budget and assessment was approved.

Time was given to the Commissioners to give their report. Ray noted that a new monitoring system had been put in at Piute County that measures canals around Circleville. We are planning to put in 10 stations in Garfield area. There are a few channel stabilization areas going on in the upper Sevier. Ray reviewed his handouts. Jerry Skeem asked about tracking of exchanges from surface water to underground water? A discussion followed. Jerry Skeem moved that it be recommended that the annual 'Sevier River Report' include a line item, accounting for all change applications, and specifically a note dealing with the transfer of underground rights converted from surface rights. The motion was seconded by Russel Christensen and passed unanimously.

Jim Walker noted that there should be around 70,000 a.f. in Sevier Bridge Reservoir by April 1, leaving 19,000 a.f. due from Piute Reservoir. The snowpack is looking pretty good on the northern end so there may be additional storage made. He discussed the real-time system and some of the projects that have been done or would like to be done. Ivan talked about Otter Creek's increased storage and says they need to get new gates so they can control the water better.

Lee Sim\$ noted that a change had been made to the water rights enforcement policy to allow a referral to not have to testify and the identity of the referrer can be kept confidential.

Blaine Ipson noted that there are several bills dealing with water and irrigation this year. He specifically reviewed HB51 dealing with forfeiture and HB117 dealing with endangered species.

Blaine also noted that the Rural Water Technology Alliance of which the Sevier River Water Users are a member had been given a line item funding from the Bureau of Reclamation. Blaine also noted that Dean S. Anderson was stepping down as Secretary and would be replaced by Russel Anderson.

There was a question from the floor dealing with 'salt cedar' and a beetle that is supposed to kill the plant? David ^{DRAKE} Gray from Sevier County noted that he had transplanted beetles from Millard County to Sevier county but hadn't seen a lot of effect. He will keep trying.

President Ipson held elections to fill the expired terms of Richard Torgerson, Russell

Christensen, Jarvis Sorensen and Blaine Ipson. Blaine noted that each county ^{ELECTED} ~~represented~~ their own representative.

Verl Bagley nominated Richard Torgerson. This was seconded, by Blaine Ipson and Richard was elected director by acclamation.

Brent Cowley moved that all rules and regulations to the contrary be suspended and that Russel Christensen be appointed as director from Sevier County by acclamation. The motion was seconded by ~~Ken~~ ^{TIM} Bastion and passed unanimously.

Lonny Hammond moved that all rules and regulations to the contrary be suspended and that Jarvis Sorensen be appointed as director from Sanpete County by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Steve Childs and passed unanimously.

Jerry Skeem moved that all rules and regulations to the contrary be suspended and that Blaine Ipson be appointed as director from Millard County by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Mark Petersen and passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Jim Nickle moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded by Paul McCollaum and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

Secretary

President